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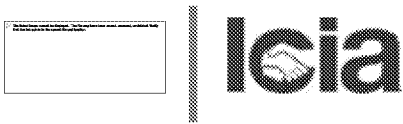
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Subject: RE: Ethylene Oxide Community Meetings

Thank you! I definitely have concerns about the nuance being lost during this meeting format. Again, I absolutely understand your point about risk assessment inputs and boundary information vs. actual impacted communities with potentially increased cancer risk, but I just wanted to make sure it is stated explicitly and plainly for the crowd.

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Tokesha,
I am talking about air toxics emissions from an ambient air viewpoint which is away from the industries, so fence-line is not really applicable. I will attempt to make that distinction during the talk. As you note, this concept is not thought about much when discussing emissions from industries and I may not be successful in changing the thinking in a 20 min presentation focused on other things.

And to clarify, the 30/mi (50 Km) radius is for the risk model. Within that radius, there are census tracts that have modeled result of cancer risks greater than 100 in 1 million in some areas.

I will be discussing modeled increased cancer risk. We won't be specific to the boundary area. I will discuss with the team to see if there is a way to talk about this with some semblance of coherency.

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Fran and Ruben,

Had a couple of follow up questions pop in my head during dinner tonight.

With respect to the 30 mile radius of influence, that's not typically what people think of when talking about fence line community or local community. Will there be discussion to parse out the difference between these two concepts? For example, while folks living in Baton Rouge might be within the radius of influence of St. Gabriel, due to air dispersion, that doesn't mean that Baton Rouge residents are the fence line community for the St. Gabriel facilities. I know we know the difference but I'm wondering how the distinction will be addressed during the meeting?

Also, Dow says you're going to tell the community members that they're at an increased cancer risk of EO. As you're going to be introducing facility-specific risk information during the meetings, are you going to find out and publicize during the meeting the boundary outside the facility for which you believe this increased cancer risk lies? Again, using the above example, just because a person living in BR is within the 30-mile radius of influence of St. Gabriel, it doesn't mean he/she actually has an increased cancer risk from EO emissions from BCP or Taminco.

Thanks in advance for your guidance!

--Tokesha

On Jul 12, 2021, at 12:33 PM, Tokesha Collins-Wright <Tokesha@lca.org> wrote:

I do appreciate that – thank you very much, Fran.

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Thank you, Tokesha. I will get you answers by Thursday, if not sooner.

Fran

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All,

I've received some questions from the LCA EO emitters that they've asked me to pass along regarding the upcoming EO community meetings.

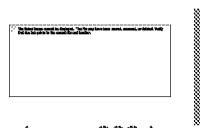
- Who are the state and local officials that will participate for the meetings?
- How will the EPA's presentation differ from the EO 101 session?
- What is expected of facilities to present?
- How were invitations to this meeting communicated?

Any assistance you can provide on any of the above would be very much appreciated. Thanks,

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